

REMARKS

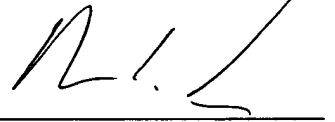
Claims 2, 10, 11, 20, 21, and 23 have been canceled, and new claims 24-27 have been added. Accordingly, this application now contains claims 1, 3-9, 12-19, 22, and 24-27. These claims correspond respectively to claims 1, 3-9, 12-19, 22, 28, 31, 34, and 38, which were canceled after the Final in the parent application because the examiner indicated that these claims raise new issues.

The specification has been amended to adopt all of the changes made in the parent application.

Applicants look forward to receiving an Office Action on the merits.

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